

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

(NOTICE) TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on **FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon**, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYM KHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on **SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY, 8th October 1923** commencing 3.15 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to **FRIDAY, October 5th**.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, September 24, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that **ENTRIES** for the **FOURTH GYM KHANA** to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on **SATURDAY** next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion at 5.30 p.m. on **TUESDAY, 9th October**, by kind permission of the Hongkong Cricket Club. All those desirous of joining the Club are invited to attend.

L. R. BLACKING, Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

Hongkong, October 1, 1923.

HOME FOR THE BLIND, KOWLOON.

A Collection of beautiful hand knitted articles will be on Sale at the Helena May Institute on **FRIDAY, the 5th October**, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

CURRIMBOY & CO., LTD.

THIS is to notify that during the absence of Mr. JOSEPH HASSUM from the Colony, Mr. MOOSABHOY DEUNJI will act as Manager of the above firm in Hongkong and is authorised to sign per procuration for us.

CURRIMBOY & CO., LTD., J. HASSUM, Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the above Fund are open at the following places:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.
Mercantile Bank of India.
International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Yokohama Specie Bank.
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR, Secretary.

HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

SWAY HOUSE

HAT MAKER.

No. 16, WYNDHAM STREET.

INTIMATIONS.

S.S. "SONGHOI."

By Order of the Mortgagees.

TENDERS are invited up to the 15th day of October, 1923, for the purchase of the above named vessel with Engines and Boilers and various Auxiliary Machinery on board.

Permits to view may be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 returnable after decision on the Tenders has been reached.

The Vessel was formerly known as the s.s. "Hong Kheng" and previously as the s.s. "Oriental".

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The Ship is to be sold with all Lifeboats, life preservers and life buoys, deck stores, Engine room stores, Commissary, Equipment, silverware, cutlery, glassware, cabin fittings, Mattresses, pillows and linen as they now are on board the vessel.

All Tenders shall be deemed to have inspected the ship and the Purchaser will take the ship, her tackle, apparel and furniture and with all faults in the condition in which they lie at the time the Contract for sale is entered into.

Any error, misstatements or misdescription of particulars shall not vitiate any sale made, in pursuance of any tender received hereunder or entitle the Purchaser to compensation.

The Vendors shall not be concerned to see to the registration of the ship but will at the cost of the Purchaser execute as Mortgagees a Bill of Sale in favour of the Purchaser.

The Vendors shall not be bound to accept the highest or any Tender.

Tenders will be received at the office of the Undersigned, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, up to the 15th day of October, 1923.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1923.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE.

THE Institute will re-open on **TUESDAY, October 9th**. Students will be Enrolled at the Education Department only, and should apply at once for entry forms.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1923.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

NEW ISSUE OF FRENCH TREASURY BONDS 6% 1923.

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FRS. 98.50 FOR FRS. 100-OF NOMINAL VALUE.

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at par on the 20th of May 1925.

at FRS. 103 on the 20th of May 1929.

at FRS. 108 on the 27th of June 1933.

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be received up to the 1st of November 1923 by the **BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.**

C. E. GOV. Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1923.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, as announced in May and June of 1922, providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is encroached they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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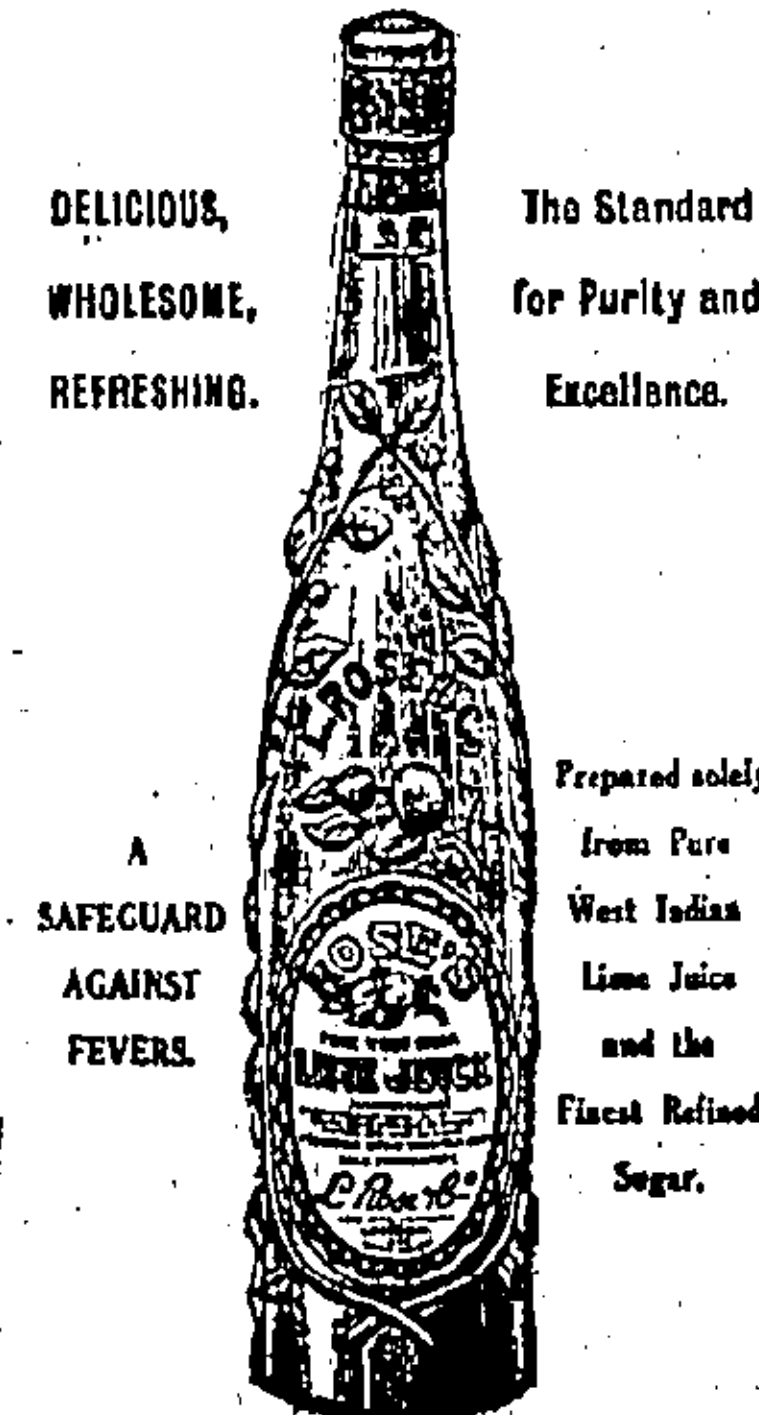
PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction to be held on **TUESDAY, the 9th day of October, 1923, at 3 p.m.**, at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of **CROWN LAND** at Pokfulam Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary	Area	Contents	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	100	At Pokfulam Road, New Kowloon, within the boundaries of the New Kowloon District.	As per plan.	10,000 sq. ft.	As per plan.	100/-	1,000/-

ROSE'S



LIME JUICE

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
St. Paul's Peak	1754
Mountain Lodge	1728
Yan Yee	1725
Peak Hotel	1508
Yakoo Sanatorium	1000
St. David's	877
Down Hill (Rabbit)	873
MAINLAND.	Feet
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1921
Lion Rock	1642
Shan Tin Peak	1400
Shan Tin Peak	780
Shan Tin Peak	724

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Poland is exporting matches to England.

Liverpool is to have a daily cheese futures market.

Newfoundland is to have a pavilion in the British Empire Exhibition next year.

Alekshine (Russia), will shortly play Capablanca for the world's chess championship.

Mr. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, has been officially invited to visit the United States.

Much damage was done by fire at Lewis's saw mills at Pontardulais, near Swansea.

A wireless set has been installed at Shoreditch Public Library so that ratepayers may listen in.

Commander Kenworthy, M.P., is making a week's stay in Berlin to study the political situation.

Count Uchida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Premier of Japan ad interim.

Cuba has paid to the United States 6,988,000 dollars (\$1,397,200), thus wiping out her war indebtedness.

An old age pensioner, sent to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London the sum of \$5. a year's savings.

Harold Lawrence West, 11, fell from a bicycle between the wheels of a traction engine at Worthing and was killed.

On the site of the 300-year-old village pound at Lewisham a billiard hall and wireless concert rooms are being erected.

President Coolidge considers the time is opportune for calling an international conference to consider the limitation of war aircraft.

Capt. Craig, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, states that there are no unidentified ex-Service men in mental asylums.

General Bur, Assistant Scoutmaster Molton, and ten scouts, of the 1st City of London Troop, ate in Riga as the guests of the Latvian Scouts for a fortnight.

The Constantinople Labour Part decided not to demonstrate on Labour Day (May 1), but members wore a black rose as a protest against the continued occupation of Constantinople.

Albert Edward Avar, a lighterman, of Rochester, lost control of his bicycle, fell, and was killed on the spot. His son Albert, who was riding with him, injured his head and was taken to hospital.

At an inquest at Margate on Mrs. Lillian E. Hughes, of Victoria-road, Edmonton, who died in bed while on holiday, it was stated that she never recovered from the shock caused by a beetle going down her back.

Coal mined in Great Britain during the week ended August 11 (in which occurred the Bank Holiday) amounted to 3,566,400 tons as compared with 5,253,600 tons in the previous week and 3,623,200 in the corresponding week of last year.

Captain G. F. Hyde will temporarily succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Allan E. Everett as First Naval Member of the Royal Australian Naval Board, and will probably later succeed Commodore A. P. Addison in command of the Australian Fleet.

While climbing the Rothorn de Zinal (Switzerland), a dangerous ascent of 13,855 feet which should be attempted only by expert climbers with first-class guides, a tourist named Schar and his son, who were unaccompanied by guides, fell 2,000 feet and were killed.

The Prussian Minister of the Interior has issued an ordinance declaring illegal, and disbanding, the so-called proletarian commandos, which consist of bands of workmen formed on military lines, with the ostensible object of countering the activities of the Monarchist organisations.

At the Monaco motor-boat meeting, ten boats started in the general handicap for the Prix Georges Frade, on a course of 62 miles, and five finished. Baby, owned by Comte de Chanaz, won, and Mme. Alfred Loblan-Marchal took second prize with Grégoire, 8 minutes later. The third prize went to Amilcar 11, and the fourth prize to Baglietto 1.

Children's Colds.
Why do the children get their little bodies so much distressed when you come early in the morning with a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

PRINCE HENRY.

THROWN BY RESTIVE HORSE.

Prince Henry, the King's third son, met with a mishap while assisting a young recruit of his regiment, the 10th Royal Hussars, to master a stubborn horse at Aldershot.

The Prince, who is a lieutenant in the regiment, was leading his troop at the regimental jumps behind the Royal Pavilion. Seeing a recruit in difficulties with his horse, the Prince at once dismounted from his own charger and took the recruit's place on the restive horse.

Prince Henry had got the animal fairly in hand when suddenly, near a jump, it threw him heavily on to a bank and then rolled on him. Although his injuries were not so serious as was thought when the mishap occurred, it will be some days before he can leave hospital.

Prince George, his younger brother, motored down to the hospital and spent half an hour with Prince Henry.

Later it was reported that Prince Henry was very comfortable. Prince Henry, who is 23, was thrown from his horse in the riding school at Weedon Barracks, Northamptonshire, in March, and sustained slight concussion, from which he made a rapid recovery, attributed to his splendid physical fitness. He is one of the most athletic of the King's sons, and took a prominent part in sports while at Eton.

THE REAL LONDON.

He was going back to little old New York, and was telling me what he had seen—telling me in the manner of a free citizen who pitied my Cockney ignorance of London.

He had been to the Houses of Parliament, it appears, also to St. Paul's, the Abbey, the Crystal Palace, and so forth.

"Have you ever hit them places, bo?" he asked kindly.

I answered that I had been to the Crystal Palace before the war.

He smiled. "Say, you don't seem to get acquainted with this interesting city, do you now?"

"I don't know," I answered. And then, with my hand on my hip pocket, film style, I let him have it.

"Say," said I in return, and translating into his language as I went, "where have you been any-how? Have you seen the places in London where Milton, Swift, Neil Gwynne, Nelson, Dickens, and some other guys went about with folks?"

He removed his cheroot uneasily. "No, bo," he replied. "I can't say I."

I put my hand on my hip pocket some more.

"And you think you've cleaned up London? Oh, boy. Say, have you ever hit the Marble Arch, where they buried Cromwell, the joint who handed the mourning cards to a fellow named Charles? Have you ever got off a number 25 bus in Park-lane and looked up the homestead where a guy named Disraeli first struck this planet? Don't tell me that you're quitting! London without shedding a tear on Tom Hood's grave, without striking a match on Tennyson's railing, or lubricating your larynx in the shade of the Cheshire Cheese."

THE SECRET OF IT.

The gentleman from Wilmington, Del., looked at me. "You're as good as an auctioneer's catalogue," he said weakly.

And then I took my hand from my hip pocket and showed him how it was done. I had been dipping into two little books—one on "Historic Streets of London," and the other, "London and Westminster."

And out of the kindness of my heart I showed him how, instead of doing the conventional sights, he could go to Carey-street, for example, to see the house in which Earl Eldon, then impecunious John Scott, set up house with the beautiful girl with whom he eloped to Bell-yard, off Queen Victoria-street, where stood the Bell Inn; from which Richard Quinney wrote the only letter addressed to Shakespeare which survives; Frith-street, where one can see the dwelling in which Charles Lamb watched by the dying Hazlitt; and St. Mark's Church, North Audley-street, where is the memorial to Napoleon's St. Helena gaoler, Sir Hudson Lowe.

And as I left him he was murmuring, "This is sure sure burg, this London, Eng., surely. It requires doing. I guess I'll stay another couple of days this side."

—H.M.P.

Sunshine and Common Sense.

Don't doctor your blood. It's rheumatism. Use an external application of Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller. A few days it will get you up and out into the sunshine, then Nature will restore the blood to your veins and you will be free of this troublesome disease. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

HOW SKIN TROUBLES BEGIN

Itchy Spots, Eruptions & Insect Bites May Develop into Eczema or Poisoned Sores.

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From G.H.Q., Baghdad, T. F. Duke writes: "Sand flies and mosquitoes make life almost unbearable out here, and I got badly BITTEN ON THE ARMS, LEGS & FEET."

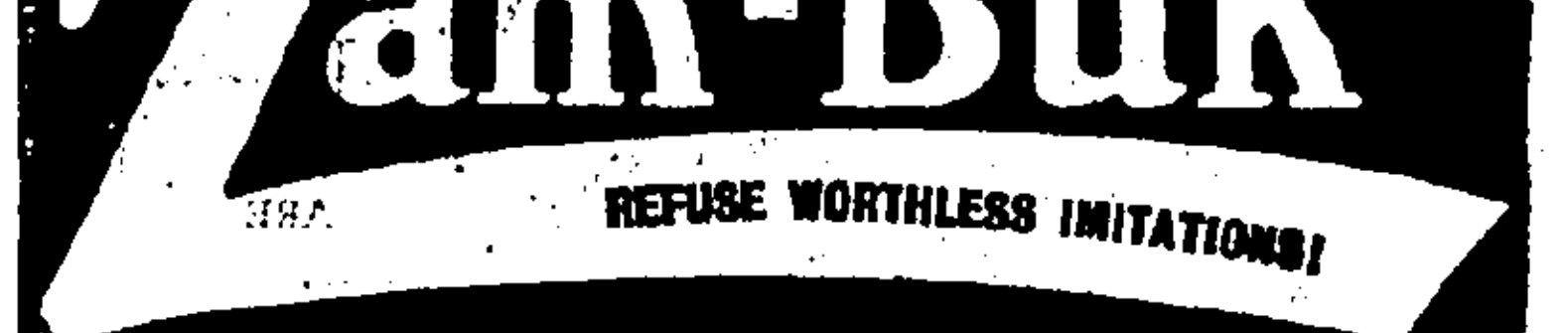
When M.O.'s treatment failed to give relief, I decided to go into town and see if the dealers sold Zam-Buk. Fortunately I soon secured a box.

Even the first few applications of Zam-Buk soothed the smarting irritation, subdued all inflammation and enabled me to secure the sleep and rest which I was so badly in need of. When other sufferers were in hospital laid-up with fever sores following the bites, persistence with Zam-Buk resulted in my poisoned skin being thoroughly purified and healed.

Years With Ringworm.
Mr. Luffe Rahman, I.M. (Doktor), Kildare writes: "Despite all medicines, I suffered terribly for two years from Ringworm. Luckily one day I read about Zam-Buk. This quickly demonstrated amazing curative powers. It cleared away every trace of disease and gave me a clear healthy skin."

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Hon. Bhaiyan Shaha, Bombay Rd., Muzaffarpur writes: "I suffered agonies from piles. Various remedies all failed to relieve, and I was weak and distressed through loss of blood. Zam-Buk soothed the terrible itching and bleeding. In a few days cured me completely."

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1923

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 4, 1923.

AWAKENING CHINA.

It was pointed out to us yesterday that whilst an immense amount of prominence is given to matters which are the occasion of strife, outrage, political trickery, petty squabbles, civil wars, and the other items in "ways that are dark" with which the Chinese are supposed to be very efficient, very little effort is used to secure, and space given to, items of news which redound to the credit of China and Chinese and prove that the country is possessed of sons jealous for her reputation and eager to advance her in the arts and sciences, to raise the people to a higher conception of things, and to make it so that China, in take her place in the family of nations as one entitled to respect and every consideration. Not everyone who aspires to, or is engaged in Government service, is a charlatan and a rogue seeking the greatest good for self. Not every General is corrupt. There are those who, if they do not exactly leave the whole, do show that conscientious effort is being made in ways that are true and of good report. It should therefore be the aim of all to give credit where credit is due and to bring to notice those self-effacing efforts which are being directed with unselfish aim and motive. The good is oft interred with their bones perhaps, whilst the "naughty deeds" of others are blazoned abroad as if they were

typical of the people at large. Hongkong has had evidence in two different connections of the enterprise that some of China's sons are capable of originating and maintaining, and seeking in various ways to enhance her prestige and enlighten her people. The opening of a branch of the Ho Hong Bank is perhaps merely a commercial matter of perhaps only passing moment, but it represents the launching out of another tentacle of a concern which has proved its worth elsewhere and become not a little factor in helping the wheels of Trade and Commerce move a little more smoothly. Dr. Lim Boon Keng's recital of the aims and efforts of the Amoy University which probably owes its inception to him and of which he is the honoured and enthusiastic head, is the Chinese idealism in a practical vein. The brief story of Mr. Tan Kah-kee's—a Singapore merchant—benefactions to the extent of \$12,000,000 for the establishment of the Chimi Institute to accommodate 2,000 pupils is inspirational reading, whilst the donation of his profits in business made during the war for the University itself, is to say the least a matter for praise in these days of apparent selfishness. There is no need to recount all that Dr. Lim Boon Keng says the University of Amoy has done and is doing, in the teaching of the different subjects he enumerates—which even includes courses in journalism so that Chinese newspapers may become staffed with the high idealism of their calling who will realise their responsibility to the public. Similar items of benefaction and high outlook of

purpose can doubtless be instanced in other parts of China proving that in spite of and in the face of many difficulties and discouragements, there are many with a deep seated love of country finding an outlet in work of service for the country and the people. China is probably still the giant of Napoleon's dream, but not exactly the slumbering one he suggested.

The "Panama Scandal."

The news of the death of Charles de Lesseps at the age of 74 which *Reider* cables to-day recalls his connection with the famous "Panama Scandal" which resulted from the injudicious attempt of his father, Ferdinand de Lesseps, to construct the Panama Canal without locks. Flushed with the success which had crowned his earlier achievement the man who had made the Suez Canal set out to conquer the Celebes and the Chinese and failed and lost his fortune in the struggle but not his fame for posterity has already forgotten his failure and remembered only his success. When his ill-fated Panama Company was wound-up in 1888 the adversaries of the French Republic, seeking to bring discredit upon the Government for its part in the affair, made such a big noise about it that the Government was forced in self-defence to have judicial proceedings taken against Ferdinand de Lesseps, his son Charles, and two of his co-workers. Charles tried to divert the storm upon his own head but he so far succeeded in this that the persecutions of which he was the object compelled him to spend three years from 1896 to 1899 in England where his participation in the management of the Suez Canal had won for him some strong friendships. The elder de Lesseps died in 1894 and according to some accounts he was unconscious of the disastrous events which took place during the closing months of his life.

Jazz.

There is a reference somewhere in what quite a lot of people call the "good book" to doing a thing with all your might when you have found it to do. The actual words are more poetic than that, but for the nonce our Cassells one and tuppenny book of quotations is out on loan and we, and our readers, are much the poorer thereby. America is probably the home of the Jazz and the two-legged hopper, the Jazzier. No harm in that. America is rapidly becoming the home of the Arts—with a big A. Jazz is not to have all its own way. The latest contribution is that made by the head of the house which has given birth to that breed of mortals out of which, or whom, has arisen that classic of a bygone age: "Up came Johnny with his camera." Mr. Tasman has spent quite a million dollars (gold) in providing his native city with the finest theatre that ever was, and endowed it so that the best in all forms of art may have free and unencumbered play. That is not going to knock Jazz on the head by any means. There is a vast constituency that likes its music red hot and which does not require a frown, a frigid look, and a boiled shirt to appreciate its many qualities. Jazz strikes a popular need and fond as we think we are of the best in music, we should look with absolute suspicion on the person whose feet do not beat in time, whose shoulders do not move, and whose eyes do not light up when the strains of a really virulent jazz beats on the air. We only protest when the classic hen roost is robbed and our favourite Prelude, or Spring Song, is impounded without anyone's leave, and made to do duty as a dance tune. Honestly, we don't think its playing the game even if its playing the tune. Apart from all this we profess to be deeply interested in the "Jazz Invasion" with which the Admiral Line Steamship Company promises us. If we may be allowed to say so, and we apologise deeply and desperately, it is an Admiral idea. As Jazz bands go, our promised visitors are of the distinguished order and we echo the hope that dancing enthusiasts will be given an opportunity of fox-trotting to the real thing.

Today's Poem.

(Work.)
'Tis not the property we have,
'Tis not the how we stand;
But how men trust us when—
We need a helping hand!

1923. JOHN KYOTO.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

OCTOBER 4.

1792. His purpose is to reach it in this, the painter's month, and if four months of deluge bid one expect four weeks of good weather, he may see Nuneham in all its autumnal charm: a month sooner, he would only have painted pictures for Noah's new house after the Flood.

Walpole.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 4.—Coronet Theatre; Charles Ray in "A Tailor Made Man."

October 4.—Star Theatre; "An Accidental Honey-Moon."

October 4.—World Theatre; "Soldiers of Fortune."

October 4.—Star Theatre; Forbes-Russell Comedy Co., presents "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

October 5.—Star Theatre; Forbes-Russell Comedy Co., presents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.

October 5.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

October 9.—Hongkong Hockey Club; annual meeting in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

October 15.—Extraordinary general meetings at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., at 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. respectively.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual aquatic sports for children attending the Garrison Schools, will be held in the V.R.C. bath to-morrow afternoon. The first event is at 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow October 5th being the 13th anniversary of the establishment of the Portuguese Republic, the Consul General for Portugal will be at home to the Government Officials, Members of the Consular Corps, and the Portuguese Community and friends at the Club Lusitano from 11 a.m. to noon. Advt.

The Captain Superintendent of Police notifies that traffic on the Island Road between Shauiwan and Chai Wan Gap will be held up during the Motor Trials on Saturday next between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. also that Second Street between Pokfulam Road and Kui Yan Lane will be closed to vehicle traffic from Sunday, October 7, till further notice.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—
Li Wing-kwong, Esq. \$100
J. M. Wong, Esq. 100
Chau Suk-ki, Esq. 100
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. B. Harker was a passenger on the incoming "Aratara."

Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Ammuller, Mr. and Mrs. Collison, Mr. and Mrs. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. J. C. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal, Mrs. T. Neave and Mrs. P. A. Wilkie were passengers on the outgoing "Empress of Russia."

COMEDY COMPANY.

"BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE."

To-night's programme at the Star is an adaptation by Arthur Wing Pinero from the French of Alfred Savoir. Mr. Wingpin is reckoned one of the ablest writers of comedy at the present time, and proof of the success of the adaptation of "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" lies in the fact that it is still going strong at the Globe Theatre, London, after a run of many months.

The amusing plot deals with the escapades of an American millionaire in Paris. His marriages and divorces are so frequent that he becomes appropriately dubbed "Bluebeard." Eventually he meets a lady to whom his millions make little appeal, however, and it is upon the byplay between the two that the plot turns.

To-morrow night, for the first time, performance in Hongkong, "Peg O' My Heart" will be presented, and a record house is expected.

FRENCH HARPIS.

STRIKING INDICTMENT.

We know that no Government has ever existed that was able to satisfy all its adherents or the people whom they have been set to govern and the same applies to the French Government in the policy which has led it to occupy the Ruhr district of Germany. The French Government has had its war critics and its critics in the present policy which it is pursuing, and it is only necessary to mention such names as Anatole France and Romain Rolland to prove that they are critics that no Government can despise. It is known that immense loans amounting to £1,500,000,000 in sterling value were raised by the French Government and supposed to be devoted to the work of restoring the regions devastated by the Great War. It is also known that the discrepancy between the money expended and the results achieved constitutes a scandal of the first magnitude. A special interest is being attached to a new novel published in France, *Le Recueil des Morts* which purports to give a fairly correct picture of the conditions prevailing in the devastated parts of France. The hero is a young architect who after the war goes to settle in a village easily distinguishable, hoping for employment on the vast work of reconstruction all around. He is honourable, generous, enthusiastic, eagerly looking forward to doing good work for France and for the war victims, whose homes and farms are battered down, whose land is a mass of shellholes, trenches, barbed-wire, and rubbish. On this poor ravaged country descend, like a cloud of harpies, all kinds of adventurers eager to exploit the needs and credulities of the inhabitants, whose one passion is to get the compensation promised by the State and set their lives going again. Traffickers in war damages do a thriving trade, buying up claims for small sums in cash that enable the sellers to begin rebuilding. Contractors flourish, promising everything, undertaking anything, getting instalments, scampering their work, supplying materials at top prices, often even decamping with the first payments and doing nothing. A principal character whose name in the novel has its significance, comes along with no definite intentions, simply after money. The resources of the country being only ruins and corpses, he takes these for his raw material. First he obtains an enormous contract for clearing the ground at prices ranging from 10 francs to 45 francs a cubic metre, according to the material, rubble, stone, or stone. As he pays his workmen a uniform 4 francs, his profits are worth while, and the State pays. The Boche will pay all in the long run, so it is all right. Chinese labourers were kept shifting earth at a cost of 50 francs a cubic metre—the inhabitants would have done it for one. The war victims sent up grossly inflated claims for compensation: those who were fair were left in the lurch. In assessing the damage the Commission Cantonale was advised by an expert in each case; and, however unfair or absurd his report, it was always accepted, unless there was a relative or friend to support, or an enemy to cut down. The hero and a friend try to establish a co-operative society, the members of which would combine and put instalments paid into a common fund. But honesty and fairness do not score in this scramble: the members are suspicious and reluctant to forgo anything in favour of someone else. Sometimes the amounts advanced are more than enough, and then the claimant will not give up a farthing—let the whole house be painted again, tear up the deal floor and put down oak, put in a marble fireplace instead of the country hearth.

The Mayor got his claim accepted by the Commission Cantonale, thanks to his son-in-law, the expert adviser, at his full estimate of 300,000 francs. 1914 valuation, which at the coefficient of the moment gave him more than a million and a half. Add allowances and indemnities amounting to a round million, and he drew two and a half millions for a property insured in 1914 for 120,000 francs, including all his crops. And he meant to pocket the money, only built the minimum amount, and wait till the cost of building should drop by half before putting up the rest. The other farmers pulled faces, but only said, "So long as there's enough for everybody."

M. Jossot's factory at Crécy had employed a hundred local hands. He began to clear the site and rebuild, but on getting his advances he stopped the work except for three or four men to keep up appearances, invested his 1,200,000 francs in Bonds de la Défense, drawing 72,000 francs interest. The reason he was in no hurry to go on was twofold: he would wait for cheaper building prices; and until he could get his workmen on his own terms. When reconstruction was at an end and they could no longer get good wages elsewhere they would take them, at ten francs a day—take it or leave it.

THE HONEYMOON.

Down through Elysian fields we passed,
Inhaling Nature's breath;
Wild-throbbing lover's hands en-
clasped,
Prevailed o'er life and death.

With tremulous captured pace,
In Freedom's name at last;
To have and hold in Love's em-
brace—
Forgetting sorrows past.

With songs of joy our young hearts made,
While Fairies touched the flame;
And sweetly in the Fountain's shade,
The Flowers of Eden came.

The pollen gone our love divine—
Deep love of all our dreams;
Belonged though we drunk of wine—
Engulfed our living streams.

Sweet streams of spirit and of flesh,
Proclaiming peace and war;
Enveloping our poles afresh,
And blinding evermore.

Oh, grant, Ye Gods, we may employ
Our Love, without the sting!
We pray, that here we may enjoy,
And love each living thing!

Oh, grant us grace, to ride the stream
Of Life—and Love we know,
Be overlastingly a dream
To live where'er we go!

1923. JOHN KYOTO.

Th: keeper of the little estaminet, put up a hotel and dance hall so resplendent that the first story was higher than the roof-ridge of the original hotel. One of his neighbours who lived opposite, in a perpetual state of feud with him, hung up in his window a photograph of the estaminet in 1914; so telling an insult for every passing eye to rejoice in that the inn-keeper's daughter had to use all her charms to blandish its removal.

Delightful was the case of the sisters Fargoton. The elder was the lucky one, with the finest villa in Crécy; the younger was poor and had nothing but a very humble cottage. The cottage was demolished, the villa spared except for a cracked tile or two. Now all was changed. The youngest made her claim at 41,000 francs; passed at a coefficient of 51, this gave her more than 225,000 francs for rebuilding. So a sumptuous villa rose on the cottage site—with bow windows twice as wide as the elder sister's.

Infatuated and jealous, the elder could get nothing for her undamaged house. But she put in a claim for furniture; and as the younger sister's house grew up from the foundations she would remember something more, a piano, a great cupboard, and add them to the list. The harassed official cubed up her inventory and found that it came to more than the cubic space of the whole house, including the garret-rooms. "If the pieces were piled one on top of another in every room the ceilings would burst!" All the same, though her claim was scaled down, at the coefficient of 91 she did remarkably well, and was able to take some of the wind out of her sister's sails with a superb motor-car!

Bonzier, finding competition reducing his profits on clearing contracts, turned his attention to the dead, and for regrouping small cemeteries and isolated graves got contracts for moving the bodies at 73 francs each, a profit of something like 50 francs. As this first contract was estimated at 20,000 corpses—"but I have a notion it will be a good deal better!"—the affair promised well.

An architect got himself entrusted with work amounting to a hundred million francs. He simply drew his 5 per cent.; farmed it out at 3, pocketing the difference for signing plans and dossiers. Sometimes his subordinates were corrupt as well as incompetent, and would share graft with contractors who supplied bad materials, and would pass bills for work never done.

And, of course, all this crew were dead against reparations in kind. The victims themselves wanted houses, but the contractors wanted high prices and monopolies. "Nothing from the Boche!" cries Labadou. "Rather than accept a stone from those who burned our houses we would prefer to live and die in the tragic majesty of our ruins."

All these and many other details are given simply as part of the frame and setting of the story; they are not intended in any way as propaganda, but they carry a very grave indictment, which will take a great deal of refuting. It lends a new significance to the desperate insistence of M. Poincaré on screwing money out of Germany regardless of any consideration as to her capacity to pay. The money spilled over the devastated regions for the benefit of the corrupt and greedy was borrowed and squandered in the belief that it would ultimately come from German pockets; what will France think of all this orgy of corruption and plunder if she is left to pay for it herself?

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A large number of coupons have been sent in for our cinema picture voting contest. Readers will be well advised to hand their votes in as early as possible to facilitate registration. \$50 will be found a useful sum in these slump times and with local exhibitors giving of their best, cinema patrons should find it well worth trying for the prize. There is no entrance fee. Just fill in the coupon on Page 9 and send it to the China Mail. Readers can submit as many as they like but will be well advised to vary their selections. Coupons will be received not later than Monday, and the result will be announced next Wednesday.

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

REPLY TO MR. LOGAN'S VIEWS.

STATEMENT BY R. G. A.

[By Argus.]

The China Mail having published the views of Mr. W. Logan, Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club, in connection with issues arising out of the match between the V.R.C. and R.G.A. first teams in the Hongkong Water Polo League, the Games Committee of the R.G.A. was invited to give their views in the matter. The statement follows:—

1. The presence of Mr. Brodie was only known to us after the time the game was due to commence i.e. 9 p.m. When his presence was discovered the R.G.A. Water Polo Secretary protested to the Referee against his playing. He was referred to the Secretary of the V.R.C. who is also Captain of the V.R.C. "A" Team and Secretary of the Hongkong Water Polo Association. Our Water Polo Secretary asked to see the Membership Book but was shown only the Visitors Book. The Secretary of the V.R.C. insisted on playing this man in face of the objection.

2. On September 22 the R.G.A. Water Polo Secretary wrote to the Hon. Secretary of the H.K. Water Polo Association asking if a strong firm Referee had been appointed for the game and suggested Mr. G. T. May. On the 23rd the Secretary H.K. Water Polo Association replied that the question of the Referee had not been settled. Nothing further regarding the referee was heard until the time of the match. Neither the secretary nor captain of the R.G.A. team were consulted regarding the appointment of Mr. Meek. In view of the long delay in starting it was obviously useless to press the question of the referee further.

3. The conduct of the spectators was probably due to the following causes:—

(a) They were kept waiting three-quarters of an hour, the game having been fixed to start at 8 o'clock. In this connection it may be remarked the R.G.A. would have been perfectly justified in claiming the points to dispute referees' decisions in previous matches.

4. We fully appreciate the allotment of this V.R.C. Bath to the Services. The Services subscribe to the V.R.C. Sports either in the form of subscriptions or trophies. There are five Army Teams in the Hongkong Water Polo League and their supporters usually turn up in large numbers for which they pay Entrance Fees.

A PROPOSED REMEDY.

It would appear that the best way out of the present unsatisfactory position would be for a meeting of the Hongkong Water Polo Association Management to be called to decide the points at issue which are:—

(1) Whether Mr. Brodie was qualified to play in the League.
(2) Whether the Hon. Secretary of the League and Captain of the V.R.C. was justified in inviting a gentleman not on the official list of referees to take the match.
(3) Whether, in view of the objection made by the R. G. A. Water Polo Secretary, the match should not be replayed.

THE FUTURE.

When these vital points have been decided, it would be advisable to call a meeting to fathom public opinion as to the advisability and feasibility of placing the competition next year in charge of a similar body to that of the Hongkong Football Association. It is not in the interests of true sport that any one club or any of its officials should assume control of the Water Polo League.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SPEECH.

"A MOST SATISFACTORY CONDITION."

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT YEAR.

MILITARY LANDS PROSPECTS.

That the Colony's finances are in "a most satisfactory condition" was indicated by His Excellency the Governor in his budget speech at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council when the Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a bill "to apply a sum not exceeding \$10,897,302 to the public service of the year 1924."

His Excellency announced that we had a credit balance of \$12,658,642. This is \$5,000,000 more than expected, the increase being partly accounted for by the year's expenditure being less than anticipated and underestimates of revenue.

Reviewing the Government's programme for next year the Governor, after mentioning the arrangements made for increasing the staffs of various departments to cope with added responsibilities, indicates that \$7,000,000 has been set aside to be spent on public works. His Excellency forecasts heavy railway expenditure in the coming year and goes on to make highly interesting references to such outstanding questions as Kowloon's traffic problem, the Shing Mun Valley water scheme, the Government's opium policy, the land boom and the housing problem. Last, but not least, he gives an assurance that though the military lands argument is still unsettled there is a real prospect of an early settlement.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Surplus Increase Explained.

His Excellency said:—Honourable Members of Legislative Council:—

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1924 and I feel sure you will agree with me that they disclose a most satisfactory condition in the finances of the Colony.

When the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1922 were revised on the basis of the actual revenue and expenditure during the first half of the year 1922, it was anticipated that we should open the year 1923 with a credit balance of \$7,631,965, whereas the actual figure is now shown as \$12,658,642. This increase is partly accounted for by the fact that expenditure was less by some one million dollars than was anticipated, while the revenue from opium, stamp duties, and land sales was underestimated to the extent of rather more than one million dollars. The balance of the excess is due to a change in the method of accounting in connection with the Colony's sterling assets. The accepted rule has hitherto been that the original amount of dollars invested continues to be shown, while the amount of sterling stock held, its actual cost, and its market value on the last day of the financial year, are given in a separate statement. There has been introduced in the Financial Statements now in Honourable Members' hands a heading "exchange fluctuation account" showing a credit balance of \$2,451,835 at the end of 1922. This sum represents the sterling amounts, originally invested or placed on deposit, reconverted into dollars at the average rate of exchange obtaining between the 15th November and the 15th December 1922, and it is included in the Statement of Assets under the heading "Crown Agents' Deposit Account" and "Investment Account." Appreciation or depreciation of sterling investments is not taken into account until an investment is realised and an actual profit or loss results.

While on this subject of the form of our accounts I may mention that at last year's budget meeting the Honourable Mr. Lowe criticised the form in which the Railway accounts are kept. The Government has accepted the position that for statistical purposes and because we run in conjunction with a Chinese railway we should keep certain accounts in the same form as that used on the Chinese Railways. The Manager, Railway, has been in communication with Mr. Lowe who has not yet been able to assist with the advice which he has kindly promised, and therefore, although the matter is in hand, it has not been possible to introduce any change in the present estimates.

Revenue and Expenditure. Revenue for this year is now expected to exceed our original estimate by over \$4,400,000; the revised estimate being \$22,952,474. The difference is mainly due to the continued high return from the Opium Monopoly which, as I mentioned last year, was not taken into account in framing our Estimates, and to largely increased land sales, premia from which are now expected to total \$2,800,000. I will refer to these two matters later.

The original estimate of this year's expenditure was \$22,583,835; the revised estimate is \$21,579,530, the decrease being due to the inability of the Public Works Department to spend all the money allotted to it for public works extraordinary. Recurrent expen-

diture in the Public Works Department shows an increase of over 3 per cent, partly on account of heavy repairs necessitated by typhoon weather. Increased revenue had caused an increase of \$200,000 in Military Contribution while under Miscellaneous Services an increase of nearly a million is expected. To this heading has been debited \$300,000, being the payment of the balance of the Endowment Fund promised to the University; a sum of 2 lacs for redemption of subsidiary coin; also the sum of \$250,000 voted for relief in Japan and \$250,000 towards the Colony's expenses in connection with the British Empire Exhibition.

For 1924 the revenue is estimated to amount to \$31,369,934, the principal increases over the original estimate of revenue for this year being under the heads of Assessed Taxes, Stamp Duties, Interest, and Land Sales. The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$24,924,667 being an increase of over two million dollars over the original estimate for this year, and three million dollars over the revised estimate.

The various increases and decreases in each department and the reasons therefor are set out in the Sessional Paper which has been laid on the table and I will refer only to the more important items. The rate of exchange adopted for these estimates is 2/2s against 2/4 in respect of this year. Salaries continue to be paid at a fixed exchange.

Under the heading Governor, two telephone clerks have been added to the establishment for Government House to replace two Chinese Constables who formerly performed these duties. The addition of two new Unpassed Cadets and the ordinary annual increments of officers account for the increase under the Cadet Service.

An Industrial Sub-Department has been formed in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for the regulation of the employment of children under Ordinance No. 22 of 1922. Excellent progress has been made, due largely to the willing co-operation of the Chinese Employers, and abuses in connection with the conditions under which children work are rapidly disappearing.

In the Harbour Department a branch Office for the better control of junks and similar boats recently opened at Shaukiwan has necessitated the appointment of an assistant inspector. This work at out-stations was formerly done by the Police, who were unable to devote the necessary time to it. The increase in fees resulting from direct Harbour Office supervision more than covers the cost of the additional staff.

In the Imports and Exports Department three additional European Revenue Officers and one additional Senior Chinese Revenue Officer have been included for the better supervision of the staff generally and on account of the increased attention now paid to the importation of Chinese liquors. The increased price of charcoal used for boiling opium and of the opium pots has necessitated increases of \$7,000 and \$8,000 in fuel and packing expenses. It is proposed to purchase a new Motor Truck to replace the one at present in use for the conveyance of the opium to and from the factory.

In the Royal Observatory the salaries of the European staff have been somewhat increased and two new posts of a lithographer and a printer added in connection with the publication of the various reports. In accordance with the sug-

gestions made by the Chamber of Commerce an evening weather-report is now issued.

Miscellaneous Services show a large increase. \$300,000 has been inserted for the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition being the balance of the amount promised by Government. A sum of \$20,000 has been included to cover the cost of possible visits to the Colony by Foreign Squadrons. In this connection I would mention that the Government is under great obligation to the Chamber of Commerce and its Secretary, Mr. Blair, for their assistance in supervising the entertainment of such visitors.

Honourable Members will notice a vote of \$14,000 for a Geological Survey of the Colony. Arrangements have been made for the survey to be undertaken by officers of the University of British Columbia; one officer is arriving shortly for this cold season; another will continue the survey next year; while in third season, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor R. W. Brock who has recently passed through the Colony and spent a few strenuous days obtaining an insight into the problems to be solved, will come himself and complete the work. Three additions have been made to the Scientific Institutions to which this Colony subscribes, namely, the British Engineer Standards Association; the Institution of Civil Engineers; Committee on Deterioration of Structures exposed to Sea Action; and the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee; and in the case of the Tropical Diseases Bureau the grant has been materially increased. As Honourable Members are aware work has been going on for some time in the preparation of a revised edition of the laws of Hongkong and a vote of \$175,000 has accordingly been inserted to cover the expenditure likely to be incurred next year. It is anticipated that more than half the cost will be recovered by sales to the public.

In the Legal Departments provision has been made for an additional law officer to cope with the general increase in work, more particularly in the Attorney General's and Land Officer's Departments. The post has been inserted in the Estimates in the Crown Solicitor's Department but the holder will be required to give assistance wherever his services may be required.

In the Police Department two additional posts of European Officers have been added to the staff of the Accounts and Stores Branch for the better supervision of the many financial transactions of this large department. The effective strength of the Force has been fixed at 220 European Officers, 450 Indians and 745 Chinese, the latter including the Wei-hai-wei contingent which will eventually total about 100 men. Additional officers have also been appointed to the Police Training School, now an integral part of the establishment. The approved strength in 1913 was Europeans 168, Indians 435, Chinese 344, total 947; and in 1920 Europeans 174, Indians 447, Chinese 426, total 1047. In the latter year the total was raised to 1,100, namely Europeans 180, Indians 450, Chinese 470; and the total is now 1,415, a very big and also a very expensive increase, more especially when the improved rates of pay and pension are considered.

The increase in the vote for ammunition is due to a decision that all members of the force shall receive adequate training in revolver firing, and steps are being taken to equip the miniature range attached to Volunteer Headquarters to enable it to be used for this purpose. Three more motor cycles are required for outlying stations and it is proposed to purchase a second prisoners' van for the conveyance of prisoners in Kowloon. In the Fire Brigade it is proposed to appoint four non-Chinese sub-officers to act as leaders of groups of firemen in the larger stations, and in due course to take charge of the smaller stations and fire floats; they will act as fire-interpreters and intermediaries between the European Officers and the Chinese firemen. Ten additional firemen are also required for the new machine to be purchased and for new Sub-stations which it is proposed to open at Kennedy Town and at Mongkok. Provision has been made for the purchase of a Dennis First Aid Motor to be stationed at Kennedy Town and for a new and powerful fire float costing about \$180,000, the machinery of which will be ordered from England while the hull will be constructed locally.

In the Prison Department it has been found necessary for the efficient staffing of Victoria Gaol and the Branch Prison at Lai Chi Kok to add one Principal Warder and 2 Warders to the European establishment. The grading of the Indian staff has been slightly altered, and two senior posts of Principal Warders and four new Assistant Warders have been added. Provision is made for the purchase of a Prison Van for the conveyance of remand prisoners from the Gaol to the Supreme Court.

(Continued on page 8.)

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after SATURDAY, the 6th inst., a CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WATER will be turned on in all Rider Mole Districts.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 4th October, 1923.

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TRAFFIC on the Island Road between Shaukiwan and Chai Wan Gap will be held up during the Motor Trials which take place on SATURDAY 6th inst. between the hours of 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1923.

NOTICE

THE Public are hereby informed that Second Street between Pokfulam Road and Kui Yan Lane will be closed to Vehicle Traffic from SUNDAY 7th inst. until further notice.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1923.

NOTICE

THE Public are hereby informed that the entrance to Wing Kat Street from Des Voeux Road Central will be entirely closed to Traffic from MONDAY, 8th inst., to 22nd inst., (both days inclusive).

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, 4th October, 1923.

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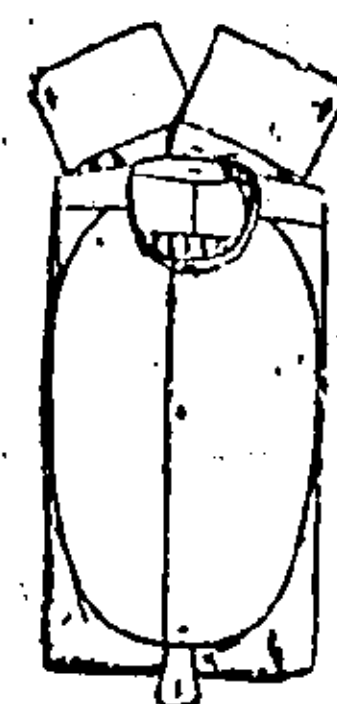
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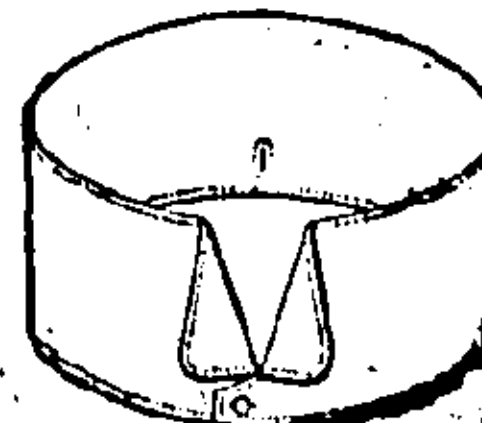
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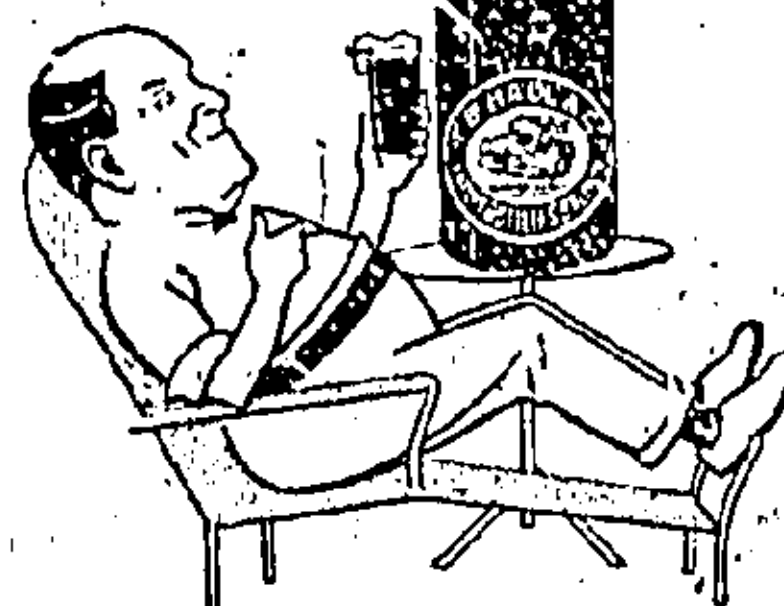
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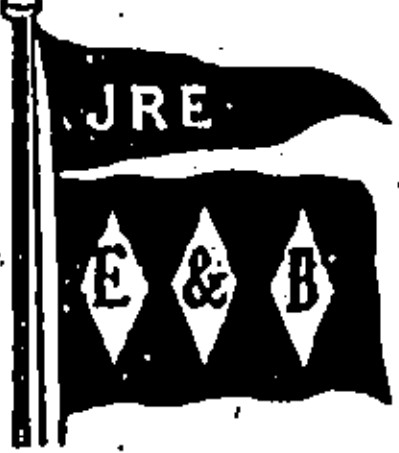
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FROM JAPAN.

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FROM MANILA.

Oct. 31—U.S.S.B. West Sequana.

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Nov. 5—E. & A. Easton.

Dec. 10—E. & A. Aratira.

Jan. 7—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM JAVA.

Oct. 6—J.C.L. Tjilwong.

FROM BOMBAY.

Oct. 11—N.Y.K. Sadq Maru.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Oct. 5—R. I. Sola.

6—B. I. Torilla.

9—N.Y.K. Awa Maru.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Oct. 25—R. F. Proteus.

Nov. 22—R. F. Achilles.

Dec. 12—R. F. Philoctetes.

Jan. 10—R. F. Tyndarus.

30—R. F. Proteus.

Feb. 27—R. F. Achilles.

FROM PORTLAND.

Oct. 7—U.S.S.B. Montague.

28—U.S.S.B. West Kador.

FROM LOS ANGELES AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

Oct. 25—U.S.S.B. Mawa.

Nov. 6—U.S.S.B. West Cactus.

FROM SEATTLE.

Oct. 14—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson.

19—A.O.L. Bakerfield.

Nov. 22—R. F. Achilles.

Dec. 12—R. F. Philoctetes.

Jan. 10—R. F. Tyndarus.

30—R. F. Proteus.

Feb. 27—R. F. Achilles.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Oct. 9—F.A.L. Havalland.

10—F.A.L. Chile.

18—B. I. Benvoirich.

23—N.Y.K. Katori Maru.

29—J.C.L. Oudekerk.

Nov. 1—F.A.L. Glenary.

1—G. I. Darnaba.

2—P. & J. Glenapp.

15—P. & O. Kaiser-I-Ind.

29—P. & O. Rondon.

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"SOUDAN"	6,656	17th Oct. 11th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay.
"KARMA"	9,098	19th Oct. 2nd Nov.	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"CALLEDONIA"	7,822	22nd Oct. 15th Nov.	B'bay, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"NELORE"	8,853	24th Oct. 17th Nov.	Marseilles, L'don, A'worp. & R'dam.
"SCILIA"	8,813	14th Nov. 11th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	11th Nov. 14th Dec.	Marseilles, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"RYANZA"	7,083	24th Nov. 17th Dec.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp.
"KALYAN"	9,062	30th Nov. 13th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay.
"SOUDAN"	6,656	13th Dec. 14th Dec.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp.
"DEVANHA"	8,092	14th Dec. 28th Dec.	B'bay, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	28th Dec.	

1924

"KHIVA"	9,097	11th Jan.	Marseilles, and London Via usual Ports of Call
"MAEPDONIA"	11,430	15th Jan.	do.
"KARMA"	9,098	17th Feb.	do.
"MORFA"	10,911	22nd Feb.	do.
"KARMA"	9,098	7th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	12,093	21st Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Apr.	do.
"CHINA"	7,082	18th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,062	2nd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,060	16th May	do.

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"TORILA"	6,205	20th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Oct.	Manila, Pandacan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"TORILA"	6,205	20th Oct.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOFALA"	5,581	9th Oct.	Kobe direct
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Oct.	Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,062	12th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"CALEDONIA"	7,822	20th Oct.	Shanghai.

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III.—In the New Territories.	10 "	15 "	20 "	30 "	40 "	50 "

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III.—New Territories, With 8 Bicycles With 4 Bicycles.	15 cents	20 "	30 "	40 "	50 "	60 "

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st September 1923—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

System	1st. 11th. Below	Level with overflow
Triam	127.10	Level with overflow
Triam	127.10	Level with overflow
Triam	127.10	Level with overflow
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Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and dooms
during the month of August.

Consumption	1922	1923
City and Hill District	1,000,000	1,000,000
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

Steamer	From	To	Date
"Ben Ardh"	London	London	10th Oct.
"Ben Ardh"	London	London	10th Oct.
"Ben Ardh"	London	London	10th Oct.
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SECCAO PORTUGUESA.

CONSULADO DE PORTUGAL

Exmo. Senhor Editor do *China Mail*

Pego a V. Exa. o favor de fazer publicar na Seccao Portuguesa a seguinte nota officiosa de Sua Exa. o Senhor Governador de Macau: "Sua Exa. o Governador de Macau, tendo tomado conhecimento, por comunicacao deste Consulado, da carta assinada pelo Sr. Alfredo Rodrigues dos Santos, *Colonial Secretary* que appareceu no *China Mail* de 24 do corrente, pede-me para aclarar que nao se e estranho ao assumpto como discorda absolutamente da attitude que funcionarios e cidadados portuguezes estao tomando, trazendo para a imprensa estrangeira materia de controversia que, nada dignificando o orgulho nacional, devia ser reservada ás respectivas commissoes de estudo e entidades officiais. "E nao podendo actuar, neste caso, mais do que pelo exemplo, dirige-se a todos os portuguezes, dignos deste nome, lembrando que a occasiao e para construir e nao destruir; para unir e nao separar; para trabalhar e nao para falar."

Está conforme o original.....
Consulado de Portugal em Hongkong, 3 de Outubro de 1923.
Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro,
Consul Geral de Portugal.

Macau, 2 de Outubro de 1923.

Exmo. Senhor Editor do *Jornal The China Mail*, Hongkong.

Por motivo de doanca estive retido em casa durante a ultima semana, pelo que só ontem tive occasiao de ver o numero do seu muito conceituado jornal de 24 de Setembro findo, em que foi inserta uma carta minha respondendo a um artigo que poucos dias antes, havia sido publicado nesse mesmo jornal—*seccao portuguesa*—a proposito das escolas de portuguezes em Hongkong.

Acontece porém que não só não foi publicada a carta que a V. Exa. tive a honra de dirigir em 23 do mesmo mes acompanhando o corte do jornal *O Liberal* que se publica nesta cidade, e que continha a minha dita carta dirigida ao digno editor do referido periodico, como ainda tive occasiao de verificar que, por motivo que desconheço, foi alterada essa mesma publicacao, cuja transcriçao apenas solicitei a V. Exa. visto que ela appareceu publicada no seu jornal não como transcriçao exacta que devia ser, mas sim como se fosse dirigida a V. Exa. e mais ainda, o que é o mais extranho, após a minha assinatura, foi abusivamente declarada a minha qualidade de official de *Colonial Secretary*—Macau—o que entretanto não constava da carta publicada, nem poderia constar pela razão de que o fiz particularmente na minha simples qualidade de cidadão, baseando-me em factos anteriormente tornados publicos e sem a essa carta ligar, portanto qualquer responsabilidade do Governo desta Provincia, como aliás já foi declarado em nota officiosa.

Por isso e confiado na lealdade e probidade profissional de V. Exa. rogo-lhe a subida fides de publicar com urgencia esta carta com a devida confirmação, evitando-se assim interpretações erroneas e injustas.

Desta carta, darei tambem publicidade nesta cidade.
Renovando os meus agradecimentos a V. Exa., subscrevo-me com toda a consideração e apreço.
De V. Exa.,
ALFREDO RODRIGUES DOS SANTOS.

AINDA AS DUAS ESCOLAS DE PORTUGUES EM HONGKONG.

Voltemos á vaca fria mas so duas palavras por amor da justiça e da verdade e ponhamos ponto final ao assumto. O Sr. Dr. Alfredo Rodrigues dos Santos deuse ao duplo encomendo de ao nosso humilde artigo responder no *Liberal* de 20 de Setembro p.p. e no *China Mail* de 24.

Quando S. Exa. fez a inspecção os alunos só tinham 8 meses de leccionação e os que prestaram exames na Universidade apenas 9 meses e o que se poderia esperar d'elles senao os maus resultados obtidos?

A ultima classe, isto e, a classe mais adiantada de entao correspondia, note-se bem, a segunda classe elementar da *Instrucção primaria*. No nosso entender nenhum matriculado estava habilitado para tais exames attento o pouco tempo de leccionação que tiveram os alunos. Nem Aristoteles com toda a sua paciencia nem os sete sabios gregos com todo o seu saber teriam conseguido prepará-los em tam poucos meses, a eles que desconheciam por completo os rudimentos da lingua materna. Não atacamos as reprovações dadas a almas muito justas e repetimos: os alunos foram os exames contra o parecer do

espectivo professor e, por isso mesmo não lhe cabe responsabilidade nenhuma.

O Sr. *Secretary* classificou de santa ingenuidade o dizermos "Os alunos segundo informações que colhemos sabem todos ler, e os mais adiantados conhecem todas as partes do discurso e sabem conjugar verbos e alguns ate irregulares o que diremos se não fossem os esforços e boa vontade dos professores nada disso viriam os alunos a saber e e portanto um aproveitamento."

Confirmamos o que acabamos de transcrever porque tivemos ensejo de assim o verificar.

Diga-nos o publico imparcial se isto é ou não algum aproveitamento da parte das crianças que nenhuma noite tinham da gramatica portugueza.

De vagar se vai ao longe.

O Sr. *Secretary* Geral "procurou evidentemente, como sempre, cumprir apenas o seu dever sem atender a quaisquer considerações pessoais e tendo exclusivamente em vista os altos interesses da instrucção, que por forma alguma se compadecem com quaisquer transigencias." E levado por estes principios insinuou incompetencia da parte de algum. Teriam presidido estes mesmos principios a nomeação dum certo professor de inglês vindo, ha poucos anos, da Metropole?

ANIVERSARIO NACIONAL.

Passa amanha a implantação da gloriosa data da Republica Portuguesa. E o decimo terceiro aniversario.

Como portuguezes que somos não podemos deixar de saudar a Republica Portuguesa e saudando-a queremos invocar os nomes sacrosantos dos seus primeiros martires.

Saudando-a queremos invocar os martires de 19 de outubro, o especial, Michado Santos e Carlos da Maia, porque, a bem dizer, nestes dois nomes augustos ficou personificada a Republica Portuguesa.

Saudando-a queremos, para bem engrandecer a Republica, dizer aos nossos compatriotas a necessidade de coligarmos todos os esforços para salvaguardar os nossos interesses economicos e sociais porque energias concentradas são forças invencíveis.

Saudando-a queremos finalmente dizer aos Macenses de Hongkong que devemos unirmo-nos como um só homem, para que a nossa Colonia possa ainda ser mais engrandecida e assim exaltamos tambem a nossa patria.

Viva a Republica Portuguesa.

Era um desses dias em que voltei os olhos saudosos para o torraço que me viu nascer, saudando-o com a ternura de expatriado e evocando ao mesmo tempo, reminiscencias gratas da minha infancia e, para melhor dizer, em meu espirito dominava a nostalgia da Patria.

Decidi matar esta saudade. Foi no sabado passado a Macau e voltei no dia seguinte um tanto curado desta doencia. A razão principal vou aqui pientear-a aos meus prezados leitores. E' que houve na noite da minha chegada em Macau uma recita de amadores. Gostei francamente digo que, ja ha muito, me nao foi dado assistir a uma tao interessante recita.

Todos os amadores se houveram bem nos seus papeis que desempenharam com muita mestria. Sao dignos de encomios os Srs. Bernardino de Senna Fernandes e José de Carvalho e Rego, o primeiro como Director da Musica e o segundo como Director da Cena que, pela forma excelente como tudo correu bem patentearam as aptidões tecnicas que possuem.

Agradecemos os cumprimentos que nos endereçou a Revista Catolica "Religiao e Patria" que se edita nesta cidade.

The B. L. S. "Ben Ardh" from Middlesex, Liverpool and London left Suez for this port on Sept. 18 and may be expected to arrive here on Oct. 18.

The M. T. S. "Katori Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Sept. 16 and is expected here on Oct. 23.

The P. & O. "Glaucon" left Liverpool on Sept. 22 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama and is due here on Oct. 24.

The B. L. S. "Ben Ardh" from Middlesex, Antwerp and London, left Suez for this port via Straits Ports on Oct. 1 and may be expected to arrive here on Nov. 1.

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The Transport and General Workers' Union reported that there had been almost a complete resumption of work on both north and south sides of the Thames. Many men had also resumed work at the docks.

At the King George and Albert Docks, the Union states, about 100 men returned to work.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo may hereby be informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th of October, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 10th October, 1923, at 10 a.m.

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The s.s. "Marglen" left Southampton on September 15, with details and drafts for Hongkong and China-Wang-Tao, and transhipped them to the s.s. "Brenmar Castle" at Port Said on September 25. The "Brenmar Castle" will leave Port Said on October 19, with the 1/1 Loyals for China-Wang-Tao and drafts for Hongkong, being due here on November 15, and is scheduled to sail for India on November 30, from China-Wang-Tao with the 2/55. Cokes Rifles.

The s.s. "Derbyshire" is due to leave Port Said on November 2, for Hongkong with the 1st East Surreys, and is scheduled to arrive here on November 23, leaving on November 27, with the 2nd King's for Bombay and drafts for the U.K., arriving at Bombay on December 10, and Southampton on January 10.

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BANGKOK via HOIHOW	CHUNSHANG	Sat., 6th Oct., 9 a.m.
HATPHONG via HOIHOW	CHUNSHANG	Sat., 6th Oct., 10 a.m.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Sat., 6th Oct., 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	CHAKKANG	Tues., 9th Oct., Noon
TRINAGUA via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	YUSANG	Wed., 10th Oct., d'light
TRINAGUA via SWATOW	CHIPSHING	Wed., 11th Oct., Noon
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Fri., 11th Oct., d'light
KODE via MOIT	FOOKSANG	Sat., 13th Oct., Noon
TRINAGUA via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	TUNGSHING	Wed., 17th Oct., d'light
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OUR SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETS.

HOW TEACHERS ARE APPOINTED.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday afternoon in the Sanitary Board Room, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Irving (Director of Education) presiding over an attendance consisting of the Inspector of English Schools (Mr. E. Ralphs), the Inspector of Vernacular Schools (Mr. R. A. D. Forrest), the Rev. T. W. Pearce, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, and Messrs. B. Wylie, H. Dowling, S. W. Tsao, A. R. B. Silva, Netto, U. Rumbach, and the Secretary, Mr. W. P. Law.

NEW GIRLS' SCHOOL.
The Chairman said the Board would be interested to hear that the Government had made a grant of a piece of land, above the Union Church, for the new St. Paul's Girls' School. When completed, the building would be able to accommodate 1,000 girls, and should prove a great relief to the congested state of the Chinese girls' schools in the Colony. The Bellios School had been overflowing for many years. He was very glad to see this new development.

The Government had also provided land for a new school at Cheung Chau. The scheme had been under consideration for some time, and now the provision was to be made in the next estimates.

MORE TEACHERS WANTED.

Mr. Wylie, speaking with regard to the staff of the British schools, said he understood that, according to next year's estimates, they should have 24 assistant masters, and 32 mistresses. At present they had 16 assistant masters, leaving a deficit of eight, and 21 mistresses, a deficit of 11. Could they expect these appointments to be filled by the New Year?

The Chairman replied that Mr. Wylie had not given him formal notice of the question, and he had been unable, therefore, to circulate it. The facts were as stated, and, although their staff now greatly exceeded the estimate for this year, it was considerably below the estimate for next year. He hoped the situation would be improved before the New Year, and pointed out that they had brought out several teachers already and he hoped more were to follow.

Mr. Wylie then asked who appointed the teachers who came out to Hongkong.

The Chairman replied that the appointments were made by the Colonial Office, after consultation with various other bodies.

Mr. Wylie: Take it the Colonial Office is aware of the type of teacher required?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Wylie said if that were so he would like to draw the Chairman's attention to the case of a kinder-

FAIRIES.

IN HONGKONG.

The *China Mail's* critic had the privilege last night of attending the dress rehearsal of the Concerts to be given by Miss V. Capell, Miss D. O'Keefe, and a small army of young people—fairies really, in the Theatre Royal on Saturday next at 9.15 p.m. and the following Wednesday at 5 p.m. We hope to give a full account and criticism of the opening concert after it has been given. This brief notice is merely to indicate that a singular opportunity is being given to Hongkong to witness something that should bring an added charm to life and open the eyes to a high perception of things. Miss Capell and Miss O'Keefe have kept their own particular item to the end of the programme. It should not be missed. A number who have purchased coupons have so far not exchanged them for Theatre tickets, and they are asked to do so at Anderson's Music Store before Friday and thus lighten the labours of honorary workers who are working in a double cause and who are anxious to be able to gauge the number of seats they may still dispose of. The sale of tickets ensures that the concerts on their financial side will be successful, whilst on the artistic side—well, go and see.

Y.M.C.A.

ACTIVE ACTIVITIES.

Friday at 7.30—"Fit to Win" pictures. Also on Saturday, 7.30.—English Debating Club. Impromptu Debates. Sunday 8 p.m.—Meeting for men. Monday 7.30.—Cinema show. Also on Tuesday. Wednesday, noon onwards. Independence day celebrations.

garden teacher sent out here recently. This teacher had been trained to teach the Montessori system, and in Hongkong they taught the Froebel system. He was not objecting to this particular teacher or to the Montessori system of teaching, but he thought the principle was bad, and would like to know what it was intended to do about the matter.

The Chairman said he must ask for notice of the question. He was not prepared to answer it at the moment, and was not sure that the facts were exactly as stated.

Mr. Wylie then gave formal notice of the question, which will be answered at the next meeting of the Board.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

(Continued from page 5.)

Medical.

The opening of new wards in the Government Civil Hospital, the extension of the Victoria Hospital, and increased work throughout the Medical Department have necessitated an increase in the staff generally. Two new appointments are those of a Medical Officer and an Assistant Medical Officer in charge of Native Hospitals, who will deal primarily with women and children. With the large increase in the work of the Medical Department, it has now become necessary to afford the Matron some assistance. It is proposed therefore to appoint an Assistant Matron who will act as Home Sister in the Sisters' Quarters and assist the Matron generally in other ways. Seven additional sisters and seven probationers are also to be appointed. The increased number of patients now treated in the Civil Hospital has caused a considerable increase in the recurrent charges of the Hospital. One Chinese Medical Officer and eight additional public vaccinators have been added to the establishment of the Health Officer of the Port for work under the Vaccination Ordinance.

The continuous expansion of the Colony renders necessary a somewhat large increase in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department. The appointment of a third Medical Officer of Health has become necessary; a Chief Inspector has been appointed for general supervision of the staff of Inspectors, while the Inspector in charge of Refuse Disposal has been raised to the rank of Senior Sanitary Inspector in view of the increasing responsibilities of his post.

With the appointment of a Cadet Officer as Assistant Head of the Sanitary Department and Secretary to the Sanitary Board the separate post of Secretary has been abolished and a First Clerk and Assistant Secretary has been appointed. Three additional Second Class Sanitary Inspectors have been appointed for new Health Districts and for the supervision of scavenging in Kowloon. An additional post of Storekeeper has been created for the better supervision of the large quantity of stores used. A considerable number of posts has been added to the subordinate outdoor personnel owing to the expansion of the activities of this large department. Large sums have been budgeted both under recurrent charges and under Special Expenditure for expenditure which is being carried out on the recommendations of the Town Planning Committee. It is proposed to extend the use of motor-vehicles for sanitary purposes and provision has therefore been made for two motor watering carts, an additional motor refuse lorry and three more motor meat vans. An additional tank motor lighter and two refuse junks are also required.

In the Education Department personal emoluments show an increase of over \$95,000, due mainly to the provision of more teachers to meet the growing demand. A Second Inspector of English Schools has been added to the Administrative staff and nine additional assistant mistresses to the end of the programme. It is proposed to add to the School staff appointments are filled to displace with most of the temporary assistant mistresses at present employed. Several teachers, both men and women, have recently arrived from home to fill these vacancies and more are expected before the end of the year. Increases are also made in the non-British staff.

In the Public Works Department seven additional engineers are provided for and arrangements have already been made for their selection in London at an early date. Eight more overseers are also to be appointed. A considerable number of surveyors, draughtsmen, and foremen has also been added to the establishment.

It will be seen that Cape d'Aguilar Wireless Station has been placed under the Public Works Department: the Post Office being now concerned solely with the receiving of messages over the counter and with the receipt of money therefor. The Government has not hitherto had any officer possessing the technical knowledge necessary for the supervision of the station and apparatus and arrangements have accordingly been made for the appointment of a fully qualified electrical engineer with wireless experience who will have charge of all electrical and wireless work under Government. In the meantime the work of the station is being satisfactorily carried out under the supervision of the Electrical branch of the Public Works Department.

The increase in Public Works Recurrent amounts to over \$180,000, rendered necessary by the general expansion of the Colony. Street lighting in particular has been extended and improved.

Small increases have been made in the Estimates for the Post Office on account of normal expansion and an inspector of postmen has been appointed for the better supervision of the outdoor staff.

Railway Expenditure.

Special Expenditure for the Railway which includes a very large sum for new locomotives and rolling stock is very heavy but I fear that the expenditure cannot be avoided. The Railway has great potentialities, and if it were given a fair chance, it would undoubtedly pay its way and bring in a growing margin of profit in addition. The disturbances in South China have for the time being practically put an end to through traffic but this state of affairs cannot last for ever and it is necessary for the line to be in a position to deal efficiently with the traffic which must come to it with the restoration of order. It is well known that the rolling stock and equipment of the Chinese Section have suffered very material depreciation, which it will require some considerable time to repair so that it is doubly necessary that our section should be adequately equipped for the work which it will have to do. A sum of \$17,000 is included for the completion of Bridge No. 4 over Waterloo Road. The necessary girders and steel plates for the sidings are in the Colony and it is proposed to complete the bridge. The existing sidings in the Locomotive Yard are inadequate to accommodate all the rolling stock at present building and under repair and provision has therefore been made for their extension also for the provision of new sidings in Locomotive Yard East for the accommodation of the new 30 ton wagons now on order. A new water tank and tower for Kowloon Station, concreting of coal bunkers; a small siding for ashes; improvement of the interlocking at outstations, the side-walling of Tai-po Tunnel rendered necessary on account of the softening of the rock walling of the tunnel; are among the remaining items.

Our programme of P.W.E. has been drawn up in such a manner as to meet as far as possible the criticism that the budget raises too many hopes of development that are doomed to disappointment. It has hitherto been the practice to insert against each item the full sum which on an optimistic view the department might expect to be able to spend on it but, as has often been pointed out in this Council, it has never been possible to expend the full amount voted in respect of every work in the programme. In framing the present estimates we have taken a different line. We estimate that it will be possible for the P.W.D. to spend the sum of approximately \$7,000,000, but we admit that we cannot foretell with accuracy exactly all the items which can be dealt with during the year. All items, in respect of which there is a reasonable certainty of work being done, are adequately provided for, but in other cases a more or less nominal sum is inserted, the intention being that at a later stage, when it is possible to see more clearly which items can be proceeded with and which must be postponed, this Council will be asked to agree to such readjustment of the votes as will enable various works to be carried on according to the order of their urgency.

The new Public Works Offices which have recently been opened and a further extension which is being put in hand enable us to house a considerably larger staff under better working conditions than hitherto, and I am satisfied that the methodical addition of new posts to the establishment, which has been going on for some time past and still continues, is amply justified by the large and over increasing programme of works which lie before us.

Works of Importance.

I may refer briefly to the more important works which it is proposed to undertake next year.

Item No. 1. The building of quarters for officers is being steadily continued. The Government proposes to participate in the Kowloon Tong Scheme, and it has permitted certain responsible officers to build houses for themselves at Government expense and on land provided for the purpose, on the understanding that, while the officer has the first claim to occupation on the customary rental, the house belongs to the Government which may dispose of it as it thinks fit.

Item No. 4. The Yamen quarters in Canton, where cadets learning Chinese are housed, had become past repair, and a new building is being put up at the joint expense of the Governments of Hongkong, the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States.

Item No. 7. The new block at the Victoria Hospital has been completed and the main building is now to be reconstructed. This work is completed the hospital will be thoroughly up-to-date, with a well-equipped maternity wing which is much needed at the Peak.

Item 16. Small-pox during the

past twenty odd years has been treated in a building at West Point which was intended for a Police Station and in certain Chinese buildings adjoining. Not only is the Police Station urgently required for its proper use, but the growth of the neighbourhood renders it most desirable in the interests of public health to remove the Infectious Diseases Hospital further afield. It is proposed to build as soon as possible on a site at sea level to the north of the Naval Signal Mast on Victoria Road. Items 20, 22, 26, 71, 72, 110, 111, 115, 118, 119 refer to new Police Stations and increased accommodation necessary to house our growing Police Force. The new Stations at Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok Tsui are nearly ready for occupation, and new stations are about to be built on behalf of the Government by private firms at Shamshuipo and Kowloon City. A number of quarters for married Chinese and Indian Police are in course of construction or are to be erected.

Items 28 and 29. The growing demand upon the Government Civil Hospital will necessitate considerable extensions, and the Government is under obligation to make certain provisions in this institution in connection with the munificent donation of the Rockefeller Foundation to the Hongkong University.

Items 31, 92, 123. The programme of roads is designed to keep pace with and anticipate the expansion of the Colony, and it has been drawn up largely on the advice of the Town Planning Committee. Items 31 (i) and (m) refer to a proposed road for motor traffic starting from the Police married quarters in Caine Road and running up to Hatten Road and thence eventually to the Peak. The Government has under consideration the starting of this road at the bottom of Battery Path, but at present day prices the cost puts this lower section out of the question. The two sections now proposed will give access by motor car to Conduit Road.

With regard to item 92 (b) steps are being taken to remove forthwith the hill which blocks the junction of Nathan and Coronation Roads at Kowloon.

Item 92 (f) provides for a new thoroughfare, which will give, among other facilities, a direct route to Ho Man Tin and the Kowloon Hospital.

Item 23 (f) provides for a road to take the place of the light railway which at present runs from Fanling to Sha Tau Kok. It is thought that road motor transport will furnish a better means of communication, and the road will be more useful than the railway from a military point of view. At p. 95 of the Estimates provision is made for two small locomotives for this line. It is the intention to keep them on the line while the road is building and then to transfer them and the rails to construction work in connection with the Colony's various reclamations.

Item 39 makes tentative provision for the proposed big ferry between Jubilee Street in Hongkong and Jordan Road in Kowloon. The matter is awaiting the return of the Harbour Engineer, who is on leave, when it is the intention to push on the work as far as possible.

Harbour Development.
Another matter of far greater importance is also awaiting the return of the Harbour Engineer.

It will be observed that under item 43 a nominal sum has been entered in respect of the scheme of harbour development. The report of the consulting Engineers has been referred to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, and they wish to put certain questions to the Harbour Engineer of which perhaps the most important is the practicability of laying out new wharves in the form of a wet dock in which large steamers could shelter during typhoon weather. In the meantime no decision has been come to either as to the work which will be undertaken or as to the method by which it will be financed.

Item 44 and 83 provide a more or less nominal sum for laying out Chinese cemeteries. The Government is considering the possibility of removing the main cemeteries to an adjacent island.

Item 48 refers to the Kennedy Town Reclamation which should shortly be put in hand. A merely nominal sum is provided, as it is the present intention to let the work out to private enterprise on the condition that the Government keeps the marine jets and the wharves and the successful tender retains the land behind.

Item 53-57 and 66 cover expenditure on catchwaters designed to enlarge the catchment areas of our existing reservoirs.

Kowloon's Traffic Problem.
Item 78 (d) provides a sum of \$10,000 in respect of the laying of tramways in Kowloon. The proposal is that the Government should lay the track and that the undertaking should be worked by private enterprise, and tenders have been invited accordingly. The great demand which has sprung up in connection with the recently established motor bus services is proof, if any were needed, of the necessity for finding an early solution for the traffic problem in Kowloon, and, if it should

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happen that satisfactory tenders in respect of a tramway service are not forthcoming, steps will be taken to establish a reliable service of motor vehicles, running to schedule and at fixed fares to all parts of Kowloon and New Kowloon.

Item 99 provides \$100,000 for the laying out of practically the whole of King's Park for recreation purposes. Additional playing grounds are urgently needed and it has not hitherto been possible to develop the potentialities of King's Park to this end because of the rifle range, which is now closed. On the advice of the Town Planning Committee, large areas further afield have been definitely set aside for future playing grounds.

Kowloon City Reclamation.

Item 100 provides a nominal sum in respect of the Kai Tak Company's Reclamation at Kowloon City. The Company for various reasons has been unable to proceed with the full scheme with sufficient expedition, and the Government has undertaken to

complete the reclamation on the Company's account, holding all the unsold land as security for full reimbursement of money expended. The expenditure will in the first instance be from public funds, but repayment will be made as land is sold. This arrangement is advantageous to the Government, which is thereby in a position to control all the reclamation work and earth and stone cutting which is going on on a very large scale in the back part of Kowloon Peninsula.

Item 117 provides for the commencement of a new Lunatic Asylum, for which alternative sites are being considered, one near Kowloon City and one on the hill immediately above the new tanks of the Standard Oil Company at Laichikok.

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Laddie Boy, wife.

Unable to have Laddie Boy, her husband's pet Airedale dog, near her, a constant reminder of her happier days, when her husband was alive, Mrs. Warren G. Harding has presented the famous dog to Harry Barker, the Secret Service man who had been detailed to guard her while she was First Lady of the Land. The dog, which had been presented to Mr. Harding by Charles W. Quetsche, of Toledo, O., was as much a pet of Mrs. Harding as he was of the President, but Mrs. Harding felt she could not stand having the splendid animal with her after her husband's death.



Frank W. Stearns.

Stearns' Home.

Above is the residence of Frank W. Stearns, at Swampscott, which is expected to be turned over to President Calvin Coolidge as a Summer White House. Mr. Stearns, a Boston department store owner, is Mr. Coolidge's closest personal and political friend and has been called the "Colonel House" of this Administration.



At the Hearse, wife.

This picture, rushed East by special train and aeroplane, shows the flag-draped casket containing the remains of President Harding being tenderly placed in the hearse that bore it from the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, to the waiting train that carried it to Washington.



Woodrow Wilson, wife.

Here is an exclusive photograph of ex-President Woodrow Wilson, wrecked in health by overwork while President of the United States, as he arrived at the White House in his automobile, where he left his card and offered his condolence and sympathy over the death of President Warren G. Harding, his successor, himself a martyr to overwork in his arduous position.



Decorating the funeral car of President Harding at San Francisco. (N. S. picture.)



Thomas E. Wilson, wife.

Thomas E. Wilson, multi-millionaire head of the Wilson Packing Company, of Chicago, is shown manipulating a tractor on his farm at Lake Rest, Ill., where he is spending the summer months. Mr. Wilson has placed Edelyn Farm, his home, at the disposal of the Chicago Board of Education, and high-school boys are given six weeks instruction in agriculture and animal husbandry under the supervision of Professor F. B. Post, of the Board of Education. Mr. Wilson's recreation is farming.



Calvin Coolidge, Jr. and John Coolidge, wife.

When President Coolidge went to Washington to take up the reins of government his two sons did not accompany him. One, Calvin, Jr., aged 14, is shown here holding some of the tobacco leaves he has just plucked on the Dickinson & Day farm, at Hatfield, Mass., where he is working this summer at \$3.50 a day. He puts in full nine hours daily under a hot sun, attired in khaki breeches, old shirt and well-worn shoes. His employers didn't know who he was until after his father took the oath of office. Mr. Coolidge's other son, John, aged 16, is a buck private in the Citizens' Military Training Corps, at Camp Devens, Mass.

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EARLIER TELEGR. MS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
SITUATION IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, October 3.
An official statement in regard to the Kuestrin affair states that many youths in the districts around Berlin last week volunteered to join the Reichswehr.

Their motives were, however, suspected and warnings were issued threatening vigorous steps against agitators. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the leader of the movement.

Ex-Major Buchdrucker, when he saw his plans frustrated, concentrated his supporters, who concentrated themselves during the night of the 1st inst. in the old fortress and works at Kuestrin. Buchdrucker later ordered occupation of the principal plants of the town and attempted to negotiate with Colonel Jodorius, who immediately ordered the arrest of Buchdrucker and his escort. The troops were mobilized and the rebels shut up in a courtyard. One of the soldiers was killed, two wounded and three slightly injured. The besieged (numbering 30, including 13 leaders) surrendered. The relieving body of thirty men were also captured and a further two hundred arrested at Dueritz. The opinion is ventured that the movement was nipped in the bud.

NATIONAL PARTY WANTS.

LONDON, October 3.
The action of Chancellor Stresemann's own party in submitting demands to the Chancellor has resulted in the political situation becoming considerably worse during the past few hours. The party whose leader is Herr Scholz objects to the presence of socialist members in the government and has requested the Chancellor to reshuffle the cabinet and to include representatives from the German National Party; also to alter the eight hour day law. Herr Scholz has threatened to put on the screws if his demands are rejected by opposing the Cabinet's bill which seeks full powers in economic financial matters without Reichstag sanction. The social democrats oppose any interference with the eight hour day and the entry of German Nationals into the government. The German Nationals have now issued a statement that they will not participate in any revolutionary movement.

Minister of Economics, Herr Raumer, has resigned from the Cabinet which was still sitting at one this morning, when the reported outlook seemed a little less dark. In the meantime the Reichstag meeting fixed for last evening was not held.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, October 3.
Replying to Sir Philip Lloyd Greame's speech at the economic conference Mr. Lines laid stress on India's almost limitless potentialities as a market. General Smuts contended that Britain was able to give the Dominions such additional preference on a number of articles as to assist tremendously in developing the Empire's resources without departing from her settled fiscal policy of not taxing foodstuffs and essential raw materials. He intimated the willingness of South Africa to reshape her policy in order to make the preference mutually beneficial, and urged the importance of developing the African continent which was capable of producing practically all the raw materials Britain needed. Mr. Mackenzie King advocated the removal of government control of industry as far as possible to enable the movement of men and money throughout the Empire. Mr. Massey emphasised that migration and preference went together and that there were many overseas countries not merely Dominions but Crown Colonies with the sparsest European population, producing the smallest, compared with what they ought to produce. Mr. Massey insisted on greater preference to encourage production.

COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES.
Mr. Ormsby Gore on behalf of the colonies and protectorates pointed out that this was the first time they had been represented. In the course of a summary of facts impressing their importance he showed that their population exceeded fifty millions. He dwelt on their enormous potentialities as sources of supply of raw materials and as markets for imports. He declared that Britain was specially alive to the need of becoming less dependent on America for cotton, sugar and tobacco, and mentioned as an example of the great diversion of Empire products that hardly an ounce of cotton from America was shipped by British, practically all being bought by Hamburg and utilised by Germany.

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BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

PARIS, October 3.
On the application of a shareholder of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, the examining magistrate has opened an enquiry into charges against MM. Perrotte, Andre Berthelot, Kohli and Borel, ex-officials of the Bank for having "entered into a financial operation for their own benefit." The interested parties have been informed of the allegations.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

OTTAWA, October 3.
All churches in Canada, on the request of the Canadian Red Cross, will make special reference to and an appeal for funds for the Japanese earthquake calamity on the two coming Sundays.

TIN-PLATE MARKET.

LONDON, October 3.
As the result of further orders for tinplate sheets for Japan and the Far East to Swansea, most makers are booked to December 31, and some until Easter.



FEELING OLD AT FORTY.

How To Regain Vitality.
Middle age comes too soon if you allow the reds of life to exhaust your blood, leaving you tired and worn. Especially is this so in the Far East, where climatic conditions exert the utmost strain on the nerves and the vitality. It is no uncommon thing, for a deterioration in health to become apparent suddenly. Vague at first, this rapidly develops until appetite is gone, sleep is broken, and the nervous system is completely exhausted. The social democrats oppose any interference with the eight hour day and the entry of German Nationals into the government. The German Nationals have now issued a statement that they will not participate in any revolutionary movement.

Women too, are prone to neglect their health. They become prematurely middle aged and suffer in the process simply because their blood is exhausted. To all such cases what is required is a restoration of the quality of the blood. It is because the blood has become watery and impure that the nervous system has broken down and the about it your vitality which formerly was yours has dwindled away. To restore your blood to purity and richness you have only to take

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Suwa Maru" (Extraordinary Passenger Line) arrived at Wharfedale on Sept. 19 after 30 days of voyage from Hongkong.

The C.P.R. s.s. "Empress of Russia" Capt. A. J. Hocken, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wosung (Nagasaki), Kobe at 10 a.m. today.

The B.T. s.s. "Sofala" left Rangoon for this port on Sept. 19 with the outward English Mails, and is due here today.

The B.F. s.s. "Pereira" for New York and Boston left Shanghai on Sept. 30 for this port via Keelung and is due here today.

The B.F. s.s. "Tyndareus" from Pacific Ports left Vancouver on Oct. 1 for this port and is due here today.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. and is due here tomorrow at about 7 a.m.

The H.B. s.s. "Scottish" Admiral Rowland Landis, is due from New York via ports to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Shanghai for this port on Oct. 2 at 2.30 p.m. and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Torilla" left Singapore for this port on Sept. 30 a.m. and is due here on Oct. 6 at about a.m.

The B.F. s.s. "Prometheus" for Marsilia, Havre, Liverpool, and Glasgow left Marseilles on Oct. 3 for this port and is due here on Oct. 6.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Awa Maru" (California Passenger Line) left Marseilles for Hongkong on Oct. 3 and is expected here on Oct. 7.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Sado Maru" (Bombay Passenger Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via M.O.J. on Oct. 3 and is expected here on Oct. 11.

The A.O.J. s.s. "President Jackson" sails for Manila at 8 p.m. to-day and is due at that port at 7.30 a.m. on Oct. 6. She leaves Manila at 5 p.m. on Oct. 9, being due at this port at 7.30 a.m. on Oct. 11, and will sail for Seattle and Victoria via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m.

The A.O.J. s.s. "President Jefferson" sailed from Seattle on September 23 on schedule, and is due at this port on Oct. 14.

The B.F. s.s. "Machoon" left Liverpool on Sept. 14 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Fuku and Baitu and is due here on Oct. 16.

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SKIPPER'S CLAIM.

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Mr. MacNamara at this stage announced that Mr. Nemeze was going to give evidence to show that the plaintiff was negligent in his duties and was not fit to be in command of a ship of the size and importance of the "Gorjistan."

The Puisse Judge: If you are going into the competence of the plaintiff as a marine officer I must have an assessor.

Mr. MacNamara: There are no questions of seamanship but questions of his business relations with the owner of the ship.

The Puisse Judge: Well, if I feel I am getting out of my depth I will stop the case and ask for an assessor.

Continuing with his cross-examination Mr. MacNamara asked the plaintiff whether a complaint was made about lack of control over his officers. It had been reported to Mr. Nemeze, he said, that the officers were in the habit of taking drinks in the plaintiff's cabin.

Plaintiff: Whether it was reported to Mr. Nemeze or not I don't know. But no such thing occurred.

Mr. MacNamara asked a number of other questions as to whether certain work done on the ship at Batavia was justified and also regarding the loss of some anchors. He was going on to question the plaintiff about the circumstances under which the ship touched the bar at the entrance to Swatow when his Honour interrupted him.

"I am going to adjourn this case," the Puisse Judge said. "I can see I will have to have an assessor."

Assessor Called In.
The Court adjourned for about half an hour and then resumed with Lieut. Commander C. Hako, R.N.R., the Assistant Harbour Master, sitting with the Puisse Judge as assessor.

Proceeding with his cross-examination, Mr. MacNamara questioned the plaintiff about an accident which occurred when the ship was leaving Swatow harbour.

In reply to questions, Captain Watson explained that it was a matter for the master's choice whether or not he took a pilot on entering or leaving Swatow. On this particular occasion no pilot was available. He could have got a pilot next day but he could not wait till then because he would not then have had sufficient coal and water to take him back to Hongkong. There was no coal available in Swatow and Mr. Nemeze had instructed the Chief Engineer to arrive back with "swept bunkers."

He had no recollection of having offered to pay for the damage done in the accident.

Further questions put to the plaintiff by Mr. MacNamara related to the alleged running of passengers from Swatow free, being fined by the Marine Magistrate for failing to give correct returns, his actions during typhoon weather and the employment of certain stewards.

At the end of his cross-examination Mr. MacNamara asked: "Don't you think there is some reason for your being dismissed?"

Plaintiff: I gave my reason before.

Mr. MacNamara: That there were three ships laid up?

Plaintiff: Yes.

Mr. MacNamara: Well Mr. Nemeze will say he never had any ships laid up.

Collision at Swatow.
Describing the collision with the "Changchong" at Swatow, in reply to Mr. Webster, the plaintiff said that under the circumstances, being short of coal, he decided to take the ship out himself. The circumstances were, he admitted, unfavorable owing to the lightness of the ship, the bad condition of her boilers, and the fact that the tide was on the ebb.

This affected her manoeuvring power. He had, however, not got the ship around when the tide took charge, the ship refused to answer to the helm and she brought up against the bows of a "B" and "S" which was lying at anchor.

The "B" and "S" boat was not damaged but the "Gorjistan" had three plates dented above the waterline.

Mr. Nemeze's Evidence.
Mr. Mahomet Nemeze (son of Mr. H. M. H. Nemeze), who, it was explained, was the Mr. Nemeze referred to during the hearing, gave evidence. He said Captain Watson was appointed to command the "Gorjistan" because it happened to be his turn for promotion.

Not Loud Enough.
"Imagine," suggested the Puisse Judge to Mr. Nemeze, whose voice could scarcely be heard above the whirr of the fans, "that you are addressing a public meeting. Put your head back and shout it out."

Mr. Nemeze agreed to do his best and continuing his evidence he said that as far as he knew there was no need for the ship to hurry in leaving Swatow as she was coming to Hongkong for her annual overhaul.

The usual practice in all ports was to take a pilot. When Capt. Watson reported the damage

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